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Scheduled official meetings

Thursday, 31 October 2002

Security Council

10 a.m. — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

MONUC (S/2002/1180)

Other matters

Morning[1] — 4639th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Small arms

Report of the Secretary-General (S/2002/1053)

Morning[2] — 4640th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Strengthening cooperation between the United Nations system and the Central African region in the maintenance of peace and security

Morning[3] — 4641st meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Women and peace and security

Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security (S/2002/1154)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.
[2] To be held following the adjournment of the 4639th meeting.
[3] To be held following the adjournment of the 4640th meeting.

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1343 (2001) concerning Liberia

3.30 p.m.[1]	15th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

4 p.m.		Economic and Social Council Chamber
	Oral briefing by the Chairman of the Committee to interested Member States of the United Nations	

[1] The Chairman of the Committee will give an oral briefing to interested Member States of the United Nations in Conference Room 7, immediately following the meeting.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

10 a.m.	40th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	41st plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall
	Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/387, A/57/387/Corr.1)	[52]

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 1
	Questions relating to information (A/57/21, A/57/157)	[79]
	General debate	

Second Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2
	Implementation of the first United Nations decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) (A/57/137, A/57/211, A/57/422-S/2002/1064, A/57/444)	[89]
	Continuation and conclusion of general discussion	
	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (A/57/75-E/2002/57, A/57/343, A/57/444)	[92]
	Introduction and general discussion	

[1] To be issued.

3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2
	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields (A/57/75-E/2002/57, A/57/343, A/57/444) [92]	
	Continuation and conclusion of general discussion	
Afternoon[1]–6 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Second Committee, on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.15 (item 86 (d))	

[1] Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

3–6 p.m.	31st meeting	Conference Room 3
	1. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [106]	
	Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.29	
	2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [107 (a)]	
	Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.32	
	3. Rights of peoples to self-determination [108]	
	Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/57/L.31 and A/C.3/57/L.33	
	4. Advancement of women [102]	
	Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.18	
	5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [105]	
	Action on draft resolution A/C.3/57/L.24/Rev.1	
	6. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [106]	
	Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/57/L.7 and programme budget implications contained in document A/C.3/57/L.26; and A/C.3/57/L.27	
	7. Human rights questions (A/57/311/Add.1 and A/C.3/57/2) [109]	
	(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/57/3, Parts I and II[1]), A/57/40[1], A/57/44, A/57/56, A/57/173, A/57/268[1], A/57/291, A/57/308, A/57/399, A/57/400, A/57/445 and A/57/476)	
	Continuation and conclusion of general discussion	

[1] To be issued.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 22nd meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.19

Scope of Legal Protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [161]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.20

Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [154]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.6/57/L.21

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fourth session (A/57/10 and A/57/10/Corr.1) [156]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Programme planning: Programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2000-2001; Strengthening of the role of evaluation findings in programme design, delivery and policy directives; Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Open meeting Conference Room 6

3–6 p.m. Open meeting Conference Room 6

Oral hearings

Investments Committee *(Meeting of Staff Advisers)*

8.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Open meeting Conference Room 9

2.30–6 p.m. Open meeting Conference Room 9

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Conference Room 7

3–6 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries

by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks)

Open-ended consultation on the draft resolution on "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, particularly in Africa"

1.15–2.45 p.m. Trusteeship Council Chamber

Second Committee

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.9 on preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such funds to the countries of origin) (item 85 (c))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Meeting of interested delegations on draft proposal A/C.2/57/L.8 on industrial development cooperation (item 85 (a))

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room E

Other meetings

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Thursday, 31 October 2002

Central American Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 88, 89, 92 and 84 (c))*

9–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 3

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting To be announced

2002 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

9 a.m.–5.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

Meetings on Third Committee matters:

Informal meeting on older women (organized by the delegation of Suriname)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (organized by the delegation of Mexico)

10–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room B

Briefing for Third Committee members on the United States amendment to the draft resolution on the Draft Optional Protocol/Convention against Torture (organized by the delegation of the United States)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Informal meeting on the draft resolution on human rights and cultural diversity (organized by the delegation of the Islamic Republic of Iran)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Informal consultations on effective implementation of international instruments on human rights, including reporting obligations under international instruments on human rights (agenda item 109 (a)) (organized by the delegation of Canada)

3.20–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

UNITAR workshop on international trade negotiations

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Workshop jointly organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the World Trade Organization (WTO) on international trade negotiations, as part of the International Trade Series [For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).]

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights

10.15 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Meeting on the international assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola (organized by the delegation of Angola)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

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Informal meeting on the culture of peace (organized by the delegation of Bangladesh)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

3.30–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . . . Permanent Mission of Indonesia

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Thursday, 31 October 2002

Room S-226

11 a.m. Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of the United Nations Development Fund for Women; Ms. Elisabeth Rehn and Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Independent Experts (to present the report *Progress of the World's Women*, Vol. 1: The Independent Experts' Assessment on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Women and Women's Role in Peace-building)

1 p.m.[1] H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga Eboutou (Cameroon), President of the Security Council (to discuss the Council's work during the month of October, including the item entitled "Women, Peace and Security")

[1] Or immediately following the morning meeting of the Security Council.

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 1 November 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Main Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Second Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 23rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

3 p.m. . . . . 24th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Third Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 32nd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

3 p.m. . . . . 33rd meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Informal consultations on agenda item 21 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations on draft proposals under agenda item 21, chaired by H.E. Mr. Hubert Wurth (Luxembourg), will be held on Tuesday, 5 November 2002, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 25 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea), will be held on Friday, 1 November 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

Delegations wishing to participate in the general debates during the period 4 to 7 November 2002 on agenda items 76 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 77 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories) are kindly urged to inscribe their names as soon as possible on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the Committee (room S-2977); tel. 1 (212) 963-9223.

Second Committee

Third Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the theme "Managing Globalization", organized by the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

The panel will be co-chaired by H.E. Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Second Committee, and Mr. Christian Wenaweser (Liechtenstein), Chairman of the Third Committee. Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme, will moderate the discussion. Presentations will be made by Mr. Roberto Bissio, Coordinator of Social Watch; Ms. Eveline Herfkens, Secretary-General's Executive Coordinator for the Millennium Development Goals Campaign; Ms. Ann Pettifor, Director, Centre for International Finance and Governance, New

Economic Foundation; and Mr. Adrian Wooldridge, *The Economist*, co-author of "A Future Perfect: the Challenge and Hidden Promise of Globalization".

Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 109 (Human rights questions), beginning on Monday, 4 November 2002, as follows:

On Monday, 4 November, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan); and Ms. Gabriela Rodríguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants).

On Tuesday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary and arbitrary executions); and Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment). At 3 p.m.: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967); and Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia).

On Wednesday, 6 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Mr. Gerhart R. Baum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Sudan); and Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi).

On Monday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 214th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Friday, 1 November 2002, at 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The meeting will be open to observers. Delegations are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee could be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Chairman of the Committee or to the Secretary of the Committee (room S-3420B; fax 1 (212) 963-6430) any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2002 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Tuesday, 5 November 2002, in the morning, and the 2002 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held on Wednesday, 6 November 2002, also in the morning. Both Pledging Conferences will be held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to both pledging conferences, in writing, to Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers for both Pledging Conferences will be open until Monday, 4 November. Delegations wishing to be inscribed for one or both pledging conferences are requested to contact the Ms. Lydia Bawar (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 92, 94, 95 and 96)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda items 92, 94, 95 and 96)* on Friday, 1 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (conference room to be announced).

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions relating to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 104) (organized by the delegation of Sweden)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions relating to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (agenda item 104), organized by the delegation of Sweden, will be held on Friday, 1 November 2002, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m., on Tuesday, 5 November, from 3 to 6 p.m., and on Wednesday, 6 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 1 November. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

World Health Organization briefing on agenda item 29

In conjunction with the General Assembly discussion of agenda item 29 (2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, particularly in Africa), there will be a briefing on the progress report on roll back malaria, sponsored by the World Health Organization, on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Speakers will include Dr. Yves Bergevin, Health Section/UNICEF; Dr. Awash Teklehaimanot, Senior Research Scientist, Director of Malaria Programme, Center for Global Health and Economic Development, Columbia University; and Mr. David Alnwick, Project Manager, Roll Back Malaria, WHO/Geneva. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on strengthening international urban search and rescue assistance under agenda item 21 (a) (organized by the delegation of Turkey)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution, organized by the delegation of Turkey, on strengthening international urban search and rescue assistance, to be introduced under agenda item 21 (a), on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

UNITAR Seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly organizing a seminar on deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held at United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday and Wednesday, 12 and 13 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, the tentative programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all permanent missions in New York.

The invitation to attend the seminar is extended not only to members of permanent missions, but also to members of the relevant ministries from capitals. The registration deadline is Tuesday, 5 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963 9684 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshop series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 15 November 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as NGO representatives are welcome to attend. This seminar is part of the UNITAR series, launched under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

Announcements

Report on the implementation of resolution 56/227 on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

Delegations can obtain preliminary copies of the report on the implementation of resolution 56/277 on the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States (room UH-906 (Uganda House); tel. 1 (212) 963-4839); fax 1 (917) 367-3415; e-mail josepha@un.org).

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Wednesday, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 30 October 2002

Security Council

4638th meeting

The situation in Afghanistan

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Afghanistan at his request to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Lakhdar Brahimi, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Afghanistan.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Brahimi.

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

38th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/387 and A/57/387/Corr.1) . . . . . [52]

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The President made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement and the African Union), Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Fiji (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum), New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia and Canada), Egypt (on behalf of the Group of African States), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, the United States, Singapore, Cuba and Norway.

39th plenary meeting

Strengthening of the United Nations system: report of the Secretary-General (A/57/387, A/57/387/Corr.1) . . . . . [52]

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 52.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan, Viet Nam, Thailand, Colombia, Kuwait, Bhutan, Chile, Guatemala, China, Nigeria, Costa Rica, the Russian Federation, Ghana, Japan, the Philippines and Bangladesh.

Main Committees

First Committee

24th meeting

The Committee began the fourth phase of its work (General debate, consideration of and action on draft resolution(s) submitted under agenda item 59 (Question of Antarctica)).

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Poland (who spoke on behalf of the States Parties to the Antarctic Treaty), Malaysia and Bangladesh.

The Chairman of the First Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

17th meeting

Questions relating to information . . . . . [79]

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Russian Federation, Singapore, the United States, Myanmar, the United Arab Emirates, Jamaica (on behalf of CARICOM), Mexico, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia), and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA country of the European Economic Area, Iceland, which aligned themselves with this statement), Bahrain, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Tunisia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Bangladesh, Monaco, Nepal, India, Ukraine, Switzerland and Mali.

Organization of work

The Committee will take action on the draft resolutions and decision contained in the report of the Committee on Information (A/57/21) at its Thursday afternoon meeting, on 31 October 2002.

Second Committee

20th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [87]

(b) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.16, A/C.2/57/L.21 and A/C.2/57/L.22

The representative of Venezuela introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.16, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The representative of Venezuela introduced and orally corrected draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.21 and A/C.2/57/L.22, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(d) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.17

The representative of Venezuela introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(e) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.18

The representative of Venezuela introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(f) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/57/L.19 and A/C.2/57/L.20

The representative of Venezuela introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.19, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

The representative of Venezuela introduced draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.20, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Additional sponsors

The Committee was informed of additional sponsors to the following draft proposals: draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.7 (item 84 (c)): Afghanistan; draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.11 (item 84 (c)): Burkina Faso, Canada, Dominican Republic, Tajikistan and Swaziland; draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.14 (item 84 (c)): Republic of Moldova and United States.

Implementation of the first United Nations decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006) [89]

The Committee began its general consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

Statements were made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Denmark (on behalf of the European Union, and also Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey), Norway, China, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, as well as by the observer for the Holy See and the representatives of the Congo, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Egypt, Burkina Faso and Myanmar.

The representatives of UNESCO and the ILO also made statements.

Deadline for the submission of draft proposals

Following statements by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and the United States, the Committee agreed to extend the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under item 88 to Friday, 1 November, at 6 p.m.

Organizational matters

The Chairman reminded the Committee that the informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.2/57/L.15 would be taken on Thursday, 31 October, in the afternoon, immediately following the adjournment of the plenary meeting.

Third Committee

30th meeting

Human rights questions [109]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard an introductory statement by the Director of the New York Office, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union), Costa Rica, Switzerland, China, Japan, Ukraine, Croatia and Saudi Arabia.

Sixth Committee

21st meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fourth session [156]

The Committee continued its discussion on agenda item 156.

Statements were made by the representatives of Japan, Austria, the Netherlands, Morocco, the Islamic Republic of Iran, India, Italy, the Czech Republic, Israel and Mexico.

The President of the International Court of Justice, Judge Gilbert Guillaume, made a statement.

The Chairman spoke.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 30 October 2002

2065th meeting — *Follow-up on concluding observations* [8]

The Committee adopted concluding observations on Togo in closed session.

2066th meeting — The Committee began its consideration of the concluding observations on Egypt in closed session.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Ratification: Turkey (29 October 2002)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO Briefing

This week, the topic for the DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Demographic Trends: From Global to Local – New York City and the World." The briefing will be held *today*, 31 October 2002, from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A thematically relevant video will be screened at 10 a.m. The briefing will feature Mr. Joseph Chamie, Director, Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and Mr. Joseph Salvo, Director, Population Division, Department of City Planning, The City of New York. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. This briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information, in cooperation with the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the New York City Commission for the United Nations, Consular Corps and Protocol. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1(212) 963-1859).

Launch of the Independent Experts' Assessment on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Women and Women's Role in Peace-building

The launch of the Independent Experts' Assessment on the Impact of Armed Conflict on Women and Women's Role in Peace-building will take place *today*, 31 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. There will be a panel discussion with the participation of Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director of UNIFEM; Mr. Jayantha Dhanapala, Under-Secretary-General for Disarmament Affairs; Ms. Julia Taft, Assistant Administrator and Director, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery, UNDP (invited); Ms. Pam DeLargy, Humanitarian Coordinator, UNFPA; Ms. Elisabeth Rehn and Ms. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Independent Experts.

Halloween Party: "Be a Hero: Trick or Treat for UNICEF"

A Halloween party for children of United Nations delegates and staff will be held *today*, 31 October 2002, at 5 p.m. on the Visitors' Plaza, to highlight the "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" fundraising campaign. Following the party, at 6.15 p.m., a premiere screening of the DVD version of *Spider-Man* will be held in Conference Room 4. The event is co-sponsored by UNICEF, the United States Fund for UNICEF, the Department of Public Information and Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment/Sony Pictures. Due to space limitation, reservations will be taken on a first-come-first-served basis at 1 (212) 963-0089.

Women's International Forum

There will be a meeting of the Women's International Forum on Monday, 4 November 2002, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. A presentation will be made Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), on "The Arab Region – Potential and Possibilities".

Lecture Series of the Secretary-General

The Secretary-General is hosting a lecture series at the United Nations for delegates, Secretariat staff and members of civil society affiliated with the United Nations. The series is focused on topics at the forefront of both the humanities and natural sciences. The second lecture in the series will take place on Wednesday, 6 November 2002, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Professor Daphne Preuss, University of Chicago, and Professor Jennifer Thomson, University of Cape Town, will make brief presentations on "Genetically Modified Crops for Developing Countries: Technological Frontiers and Policy Debates", followed by a question-and-answer session.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Egypt
H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

Asian States:
Iraq
H.E. Mr. Mohammed A. Aldouri

Eastern European States:
Yugoslavia
H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Trinidad and Tobago
H.E. Mr. Philip Sealy

Western European and other States:
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
H.E. Mr. Jeremy Greenstock

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